

CDBG PROGRAM

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category assists communities with providing a facility to supply specific services to its citizens.

AUTHORIZATION

42 USC § 5301 et seq., 24 C.F.R. Part 570; and Missouri's "Consolidated Plan" submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State CDBG funds are only available to cities and counties in non-entitlement areas. A non-entitlement area is a city with population less than 50,000 and/or a county with population less than 200,000.

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Community facilities are senior centers, day care centers, community centers, youth centers, 911, rural health clinics (facilities without state funding), telecommunications, and all eligible activities designed to provide a service or group of services from one central location for a prescribed area of residents or users. This may include the infrastructure necessary to support the facility, as well. A local government or non-profit agency must own the facility. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the non-profit status of the entity seeking assistance. The applicant must be confident of the capacity, history, and organizational structure of the non-profit.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Communities interested in applying for grant assistance should complete a CDBG application. The community facility category is on a competitive cycle, and applications are due on March 15.
- Applications are rated on need, project impact, local effort, and past efforts.
- Applications must provide evidence of the ability to operate and maintain the facility for the purpose intended.
- CDBG funds proposed for the day to day operation of the facility are not eligible.

FUNDING LIMITS

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is \$300,000 or \$5,000 per household.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applications that prove a need for the facility to serve a large portion of the public and implement a variety of services and programs to achieve a higher return on the investment are ones that will receive consideration.
- Education and health/well being programs are priorities. The facility must establish its ability to sustain the operation long after construction is complete. The Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program and USDA Rural Development are programs where CDBG funds may match a larger project.
- At least 51% of the project beneficiaries must be low and moderate-income persons.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go to the department's home page at www.ded.mo.gov to obtain guidelines and forms for the CDBG Community Facilities Program as well as a wealth of information regarding this program and Missouri's many other economic development programs and policies.